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Abstract

We consider the relationship between linear continuous operators acting on the space of entire functions of one variable of a given order and linear differential operators of infinite order satisfying certain growth conditions for the coefficients. We found that these two classes of operators are equivalent.

§ 1. Introduction

Let p and c be positive numbers. We denote by $A_{p,c}$ the set of all entire functions f of one variable z satisfying

$$\|f\|_c := \sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}} |f(z)| \exp(-c|z|^p) < \infty.$$

This set becomes a Banach space with the norm $\|\cdot\|_c$. If $c > c' > 0$, the natural inclusion map $A_{p,c} \hookrightarrow A_{p,c'}$ is compact. Hence we can consider the inductive limit of the family $\{A_{p,c}\}_{c>0}$ and denote it by A_p :

$$A_p := \varinjlim A_{p,c}.$$

This becomes a DFS space.

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Definition 1.1. ([1], Definition 2.3., [2]) Let p be a positive number. The set $\mathcal{D}_{p,0}$ consists of differential operators of infinite order of the form

$$(1.1) \quad P(z, \partial_z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z) \partial_z^n$$

satisfying:

- (1) The coefficients $a_n(z)$ ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) are entire functions.
- (2) There exists a constant $B > 0$ such that for every $\varepsilon > 0$ one can take a constant $C_\varepsilon > 0$ for which

$$|a_n(z)| \leq C_\varepsilon \frac{\varepsilon^n}{(n!)^{\frac{1}{q}}} \exp(B|z|^p) \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

holds, where $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ and $\frac{1}{q} = 0$ when $p = 1$.

If $P \in \mathcal{D}_{p,0}$, P acts on A_p as a continuous linear operator:

Theorem 1.2. ([1], Theorem 2.4., [2], Theorem 2.3.) *Let $P \in \mathcal{D}_{p,0}$ and let $f \in A_p$. Then $Pf \in A_p$ and P is continuous on A_p , that is $Pf \rightarrow 0$ as $f \rightarrow 0$. Here we set*

$$Pf = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z) \frac{d^n f}{dz^n}$$

for P of the form (1.1).

Conversely, let F be linear continuous endomorphism in A_p . Then the following natural question arises: Does there exist an operator $P \in \mathcal{D}_{p,0}$ for which

$$F(f) = Pf$$

holds for any $f \in A_p$? In this article, we shall show that, to give an answer to this question, we need to introduce a new class of operators which is slightly larger than $\mathcal{D}_{p,0}$:

Definition 1.3. Let p be a positive number. The set \mathcal{D}_p consists of differential operators of infinite order of the form

$$(1.2) \quad P(z, \partial_z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z) \partial_z^n$$

satisfying:

- (1) The coefficients $a_n(z)$ ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) are entire functions.

(2) For every $\varepsilon > 0$ one can take constants $C_\varepsilon > 0$ and $B_\varepsilon > 0$ for which

$$|a_n(z)| \leq C_\varepsilon \frac{\varepsilon^n}{(n!)^{\frac{1}{q}}} \exp(B_\varepsilon |z|^p) \quad (n = 0, 1, 2, \dots)$$

holds, where $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} = 1$ and $\frac{1}{q} = 0$ when $p = 1$.

Theorem 1.4. *Let $p > 1$. Let F be a linear continuous endomorphism in A_p . Then there exists a unique operator $P \in \mathbf{D}_p$ such that $F(f) = Pf$ for all $f \in A_p$. Conversely, if P belongs to \mathbf{D}_p , then P induces a linear continuous endomorphism $f \mapsto Pf$ in A_p .*

§ 2. Proof of Theorem 1.4

Definition 2.1. Let $P(z, \partial_z) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z) \partial_z^n$ be a formal differential operator of infinite order. The symbol of P is the formal power series of ζ obtained by replacing ∂_z by a variable ζ :

$$P(z, \zeta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z) \zeta^n.$$

Remark. Formally we have $P(z, \zeta) = e^{-z\zeta} P(z, \partial_z) e^{z\zeta}$.

Lemma 2.2. *We assume $p > 1$. Let $P(z, \partial_z)$ be an element in \mathbf{D}_p and $P(z, \zeta)$ the symbol of $P(z, \partial_z)$. Then $P(z, \zeta)$ is an entire function of (z, ζ) satisfying the following condition:*

For each $\varepsilon > 0$, there exist $B_\varepsilon > 0$ and $C_\varepsilon > 0$ such that

$$|P(z, \zeta)| \leq C_\varepsilon \exp(B_\varepsilon |z|^p + \varepsilon |\zeta|^q) \text{ holds for all } (z, \zeta).$$

Conversely, if $P(z, \zeta) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z) \zeta^n$ is an entire function of (z, ζ) satisfying the above condition, then

$$\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z) \partial_z^n$$

belongs to \mathbf{D}_p .

Proof. It follows from (2) of Definition 1.3 that $|P(z, \zeta)|$ is dominated by

$$\begin{aligned} |P(z, \zeta)| &\leq \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} |a_n(z)| |\zeta|^n \\ &\leq C_\varepsilon \exp(B_\varepsilon |z|^p) \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\varepsilon |\zeta|)^n}{(n!)^{\frac{1}{q}}}. \end{aligned}$$

By using the inequality $(n!)^{\frac{1}{q}} \geq \Gamma\left(\frac{n}{q} + 1\right)$ and the properties of the Mittag-Leffler function ([3]), we find that there exists $B' > 0$ and $C' > 0$ such that

$$|P(z, \zeta)| \leq C_\varepsilon \exp(B_\varepsilon |z|^p) C' \exp(B' \varepsilon^q |\zeta|^q) = C''_{\varepsilon'} \exp(B_{\varepsilon'} |z|^p + \varepsilon' |\zeta|^q).$$

Here we set $\varepsilon' = B' \varepsilon^q$ and $C''_{\varepsilon'} = C_\varepsilon C'$. Conversely,

$$\begin{aligned} |\partial_\zeta^n P(z, \zeta)| &= \left| \frac{n!}{2\pi i} \int_{|\xi - \zeta| = s|\zeta|} \frac{P(z, \xi)}{(\xi - \zeta)^{n+1}} d\xi \right| \\ &\leq n! \frac{C_\varepsilon}{(s|\zeta|)^n} \exp(B_\varepsilon |z|^p + \varepsilon(s+1)^q |\zeta|^q) \\ &\leq n! \frac{C_\varepsilon}{(s|\zeta|)^n} \exp(B_\varepsilon |z|^p) \exp(2^q \varepsilon |\zeta|^q) \exp(2^q \varepsilon s^q |\zeta|^q) \end{aligned}$$

for all $s > 0$. Taking the minimum of the right-hand side of the above estimate with respect to s , we get

$$(2.1) \quad |\partial_\zeta^n P(z, \zeta)| \leq n! C_\varepsilon \exp(B_\varepsilon |z|^p) \exp(2^q \varepsilon |\zeta|^q) \left(\frac{2^q \varepsilon q}{n} e \right)^{\frac{n}{q}}.$$

Hence,

$$|a_n(z)| = \left| \frac{\partial_\zeta^n P(z, \zeta)}{n!} \right|_{\zeta=0} \leq C_{\varepsilon'} \exp(B_{\varepsilon'} |z|^p) \frac{(\varepsilon')^n}{(n!)^{\frac{1}{q}}}.$$

□

Lemma 2.3. *If $F : A_p \rightarrow A_p$ is linear continuous operator, there exist $a_n(z) \in A_p$ ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) such that $F(f) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z) \partial_z^n f$ holds for all $f \in A_p$.*

Proof. We define $\{a_k(z)\}$ ($k = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) recursively by

$$\begin{aligned} a_0(z) &:= F(1), \\ a_k(z) &:= \frac{1}{k} \left(F(z^k) - a_0(z) z^k - \dots - (k-1)! a_{k-1}(z) z \right) \quad (k \geq 1). \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} F(1) &= a_0(z), \\ F(z^k) &= a_0(z) z^k + \dots + (k-1)! a_{k-1}(z) z + k! a_k(z). \end{aligned}$$

We set $A_p \ni f = \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k z^k$. Since F is a linear continuous operator, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
 F(f) &= \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k F(z^k) \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z) \sum_{k=n}^{\infty} f_k \frac{k!}{(n-k)!} z^{k-n} \\
 &= \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z) z^n \sum_{k=0}^{\infty} f_k z^k.
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Proof of Theorem 1.4. We assume $F : A_p \rightarrow A_p$ is a linear continuous operator. Then, for all $c > 0$ there exists $c' (\geq c)$, there exists $C_c > 0$ for which

$$\|F(f)\|_{c'} \leq C_c \|f\|_c \quad (\forall f \in A_{p,c})$$

hold for any $f \in A_{p,c}$. From Lemma 2.3, there exist $a_n(z) \in A_p$ ($n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$) such that $F(f) = P(z, \partial_z)f := \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n(z) \partial_z^n f$ holds for all $f \in A_p$. Let $P(z, \zeta)$ be the symbol of $P(z, \partial_z)$. We regard ζ as a complex parameter and we take the norm $\|\cdot\|_{c'}$ of $P(z, \zeta)$ as a function of z . Then we have

$$\begin{aligned}
 \|P(z, \zeta)\|_{c'} &= \|e^{-z\zeta} P e^{z\zeta}\|_{c'} \\
 &\leq \|e^{-z\zeta}\|_{\frac{c'}{2}} \|P e^{z\zeta}\|_{\frac{c'}{2}} \\
 &\leq \|e^{-z\zeta}\|_{\frac{c'}{2}} C_{\frac{c'}{2}} \|e^{z\zeta}\|_{\frac{c'}{2}} \\
 &\leq C_{\frac{c'}{2}} \left(\sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}} \exp(|z||\zeta|) \exp\left(-\frac{c'}{2}|z|^p\right) \right) \left(\sup_{z \in \mathbb{C}} \exp(|z||\zeta|) \exp\left(-\frac{c'}{2}|z|^p\right) \right) \\
 &\leq C_{\frac{c'}{2}} \exp\left(\frac{2}{q} \left(\frac{2}{pc}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-1}} |\zeta|^q\right).
 \end{aligned}$$

For any $\varepsilon > 0$, we take c so that $\frac{2}{p} \left(\frac{2}{\varepsilon q}\right)^{p-1} \leq c$ holds and write $C_\varepsilon = C_{\frac{c'}{2}}$. Then we have

$$\|P(z, \zeta)\|_{c'} \leq C_{\frac{c'}{2}} \exp\left(\frac{2}{q} \left(\frac{2}{pc}\right)^{\frac{1}{p-1}} |\zeta|^q\right) \leq C_\varepsilon \exp(\varepsilon |\zeta|^q)$$

If we write $B_\varepsilon = c'$, then we get

$$|P(z, \zeta)| \leq C_\varepsilon \exp(\varepsilon |\zeta|^q + c' |z|^p) = C_\varepsilon \exp(\varepsilon |\zeta|^q + B_\varepsilon |z|^p)$$

Then implies $P \in \mathbf{D}_p$.

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